

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Study Session

April 21, 2003
6:00 p.m.

Council Conference Room
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Degginger, and Councilmembers Creighton, Davidson, Lee, Mosher, and Noble

ABSENT: None.

1. Executive Session

Mayor Marshall opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. and announced recess to Executive Session for approximately 90 minutes to discuss one item of property disposition and one item of potential litigation. The Study Session resumed at 7:50 p.m. with Mayor Marshall presiding.

2. Study Session

- (a) Transportation Capital Investment Program (CIP) Quarterly Update

With Council's concurrence, Mayor Marshall moved to Agenda Item 3(a) and postponed discussion of this item to the Regular Session.

3. Discussion

- (a) Bellevue School District #405 application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow replacement of an existing auditorium with a new performing arts center and a new administrative wing and entry at Sammamish High School. This site is within the East Bellevue Community Council boundaries.
(Council action on this quasi-judicial matter is scheduled for April 28.)

Toni Pratt, Associate Planner, described an application for a Conditional Use Permit at Sammamish High School to replace an existing auditorium with a new performing arts center and new administrative wing and entry. The proposal was handled as a Process III application because of the school's location in the East Bellevue Community Council area. A pre-decision hearing was held with the Hearing Examiner on March 20, 2003. The Hearing Examiner recommended approval of the application, with conditions. If ultimately approved by City Council, the matter will be forwarded to the East Bellevue Community Council for consideration

on May 6. Ms. Pratt said City staff are working closely with Bellevue School District, which has plans to demolish and/or upgrade 25 schools.

Deputy Mayor Degginger questioned Condition I requiring the District to file a written request if it becomes necessary to continue construction activities outside of normal construction hours. He expressed concern about allowing any exceptions because the school is located in a residential area. Ms. Pratt said this is consistent with provisions provided on other City projects. The developer is required to submit an anticipated work schedule, and the City can approve construction activities outside of normal work hours to accommodate traffic or other considerations. Mr. Pratt said the District has not indicated a specific need to work outside of normal construction hours for the Sammamish High School project.

Mr. Creighton and Mr. Lee expressed concern about the lighting elements of the project. Ms. Pratt explained that the District will submit specific plans for light wattage and placement. The performing arts facility will be located at the north end of the site, which is approximately 800 feet from residences to the east and 400 feet from Main Street. Ms. Pratt said spillover lighting should not be a problem in the neighborhood.

Mayor Marshall thanked Ms. Pratt for her work with Bellevue School District.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared recess to the Regular Session.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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